Rakesh Mohan Committee Report on restructuring of Railways

1890. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3442 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the Railways have completed to study on the Report of Dr. Rakesh Mohan about restructuring of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many of its recommendations have been implemented so far; and

(d) how many of its recommendations have been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The report of Railway Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rakesh Mohan is being examined by a Committee of Railway Board officers. Further action will be taken on receipt of the Committee's report.

Suggestions on railway catering vending stalls

1891. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of suggestions/references on bookstalls and catering/vending stalls etc. by Members of Parliament are pending for two and half years in the Commercial/Traffic Department of the Railway Board and no specific reply has been issued on each reference;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any period has been fixed by Government for issue of the final reply to references of Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Instructions exist to give utmost attention to communications received from MPs. However, in a few cases, replies take little more time to collect information from Zonal Headquarters/Divisions and/or examination in consultation with other Directorates/Departments.

(c) Draft replies to such communications should be put up within 10 days of the date from which the reference has been received in the Directorate and in cases where information is to be called for from the Railways, within 15 days.

Superfast train between Delhi and Haridwar

†1892. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to run a new superfast train from Delhi to Haridwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the work in this regard is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to introduce 2055/2056 New Delhi-Dehradun Jan Shatabdi Express with stoppage at Haridwar during 2002-2003.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway claims for compensation

1893. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims of compensation pending in R.C.T. as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of claims pending for more than three to five years and more; and

(c) what are the precise reasons for the inordinate delay in the settlement of claim cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) 27125 number of claims cases are pending.

(b) 5493 cases are pending for three to five years, and 5310 cases are pending for more than five years.

†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi*